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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH CLAIM FEE TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 27 January 2005, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely, but requires claim fees.

The present Amendment introduces 4 independent claims (in excess of 3) that require a fee of \$800. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$800 (or any additional fees required to maintain the pendency of this application) to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.

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oxidation catalyst outlet temperature is at or greater than the predetermined value. In other words, less fuel is added when the oxidation catalyst outlet temperature is at or greater than a predetermined value.

Tonetti does the opposite of what is set forth in independent claims 1 and 14. Specifically, Tonetti discloses a direct injection controller that includes injecting fuel during POST ignition to generate 600°C at the particulate filter inlet. In this regard, Tonetti discloses proportionally varying the amount (0-100%) of fuel injected into the POST injection according to the temperature when the exhaust gas temperature at the outlet of the catalyst (or inlet of the filter) is 200 to 400°C, while maintaining the 100% fuel delivery when the exhaust gas temperature at the same location is over 400°C. See column 10, lines 40-46. In contrast, the claimed invention calls applying a greater fuel amount when the oxidation catalyst outlet temperature is lower than a predetermined value or applying a lesser fuel amount when the oxidation catalyst outlet temperature is at or greater than the predetermined value. Since Tonetti introduces less fuel when the temperature is below 400°C than at 400°C or greater, Tonetti teaches the opposite of what claims 1 and 14 call for. Accordingly, applicants submit that Tonetti would not have anticipated or taught claims 1 and 14.

Applicants submit that claims 1-17 patentably distinguish over the applied reference and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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